



Manchester Grade Exams – 15th/16th December 2018

Hosted by the Grace Kennedy School



Dear Teachers and Dancers,

We would like to invite you to the Manchester Grade Exams hosted by The Grace Kennedy School on the weekend of 15th/16th December 2018.

Given that we are approaching peak season for both dancers and teachers, careful consideration has gone into choosing the date, so that schools can focus on Feisanna, majors and of course their respective qualifying events ahead of the exams.

We are pleased to have secured The Mercure Bowdon Hotel for our venue. Again we will have a waiting/warm-up area, but please note this is for dancers & teachers only. The hotel bar/restaurant will be open for parents to purchase refreshments and food whilst they wait.

As you will be aware since January 2018 it has been a requirement of CLRG that all 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination. Therefore we encourage early entry as spaces are limited.

Full details of the examinations are detailed below.

Date: 15th/16th December 2018

Time: Each school will be allocated a timeslot

Location: Mercure Bowdon Hotel, Langham Road, Altrincham, WA14 2HT

Grades Available: 1-10

Examiner: Bertie Roddy (BG)

Fees: Please see entry form for the price of each grade

Closing date for entries is **Friday 5th October 2018**.

Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis on receipt of both the entry form and payment. Please note entries can only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha and we ask for one payment per school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you in December,

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Rules & Regulations

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is **40**.
3. St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
4. The same set dance **must not** be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional.
6. A candidate may **only** attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
7. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
8. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Céilí" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
9. Dance costumes should not be worn.
10. All candidates must produce previous certificates & scoresheets to the examiner before attempting further grades. Failure to bring the needed documentation from prior passing reports may result in disqualification since candidates must take and pass all grades in order.
11. No fee refunds will be provided. If you do not pass one exam, you cannot take the next.
12. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years. This also applies where a regional authority or group of classes hold the examinations. eg. Applications for 2018: Examiners may not have examined in years: 2017, 2016, or 2015.
13. Examinees must be examined by at least FOUR different examiners up through Grade 10 (and at least 2 up through Grade 6).
14. There will be opportunity on your entry form to declare all previous examiners so that we can allocate an examiner that you have not been examined by previously.
15. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
16. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
17. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.

Examinations are CLOSED to spectators, only candidates and teachers will be permitted to enter the exam room. Staff will enforce this rule. Please do not attempt to observe.



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GRADE	DANCE/SPEED	PRICE
1	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116	£15
2	Basic Slip Jig 124 Basic Single Jig 124	£15
3	Primary Reel 116-118 Basic Heavy Jig 96	£15
4	Primary Slip Jig 120 St Patrick's Day 94	£20
5	Advanced Reel (Intermediate/Primary/Open) 113 Basic Hornpipe 144 Walls of Limerick	£23
6	Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/ Primary/Open) 113 The Blackbird 144 Siege of Ennis	£23
7	Advanced Heavy Jig 73 Garden of Daisies 138 Four Hand Reel	£30
8	Advanced Hornpipe 113 Job of Journeywork 138 Humours of Bandon	£30
9	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time High Cauled Cap	£30
10	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) Eight Hand Jig	£30
11	Advanced Reel, (113) Advanced Slip Jig, (113) Advanced Heavy Jig (73) King of the Fairies (130) plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9 & 10) Eight-Hand Reel and Harvest Time Jig	£60
12	Light Double Jig, (116) Single Jig, (124) Advanced Hornpipe, (113) Three Sea Captains (96) Jockey to the Fair (90) plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9, 10 and 11) Morris Reel and the Sixteen Hand Reel	£60

*Full Grade Exam Syllabus available at

https://www.clrg.ie/images/downloads/exams/Grade_Exam_Syllabus_2018.pdf